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True Love.

BY MARY HOWITT.

There are flowers on thy brow, wife,

And the light that once was in thine eye

Has sorrow stolen away.

Thou art no longer fair, wife,

Thou art no longer true, wife,

And thy heart is not as of old.

But thy heart is just as warm, wife,

As when we first were wed;

And thy heart is just as true,

As when we first were wed.

Well, well, dost thou remember, wife,

The little child we had,

Who lived to manhood's prime,

And the yew tree's shade

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hiding American and other foreign vessels

to enter its waters. The Captain had two great

and laudable objects in view. The first was to

restore the shipwrecked strangers to their homes.

The other was to make a strong and favorable

impression on the government, in respect to the

civilization of the United States, and its friendly

disposition to the Emperor and people of Japan.

How he succeeded in the latter object the sequel

will show; and I will make but few remarks

on the benevolence of Capt. C's resolution,

or its ultimate consequences touching the inter-

course of the Japanese with other nations. The

step decided on, however, has led to some curi-

ous and interesting information relative to this

country, whose institutions and the habits of

whose people are but little known to the civilized

world.

Capt. C. left St. Peters, and after sailing a day

or two in the direction of Nippon, he descried a

huge and shapeless object on the ocean, which

proved to be a Japanese ship or "junk," as these

vessels are called—wrecked and in a sinking

condition. She was from a port on the extreme

north of Nippon, with a cargo of pickled salmon,

bound for Jeddo. She had been shattered and

disrupted some weeks previous, and was drift-

ing about the ocean at the mercy of the winds,

and as a gale arose the following day, the Captain

thinks she must have sunk. From this ship he

took eleven men—two Japanese—and made

sail again for the shores of Nippon. Among the

articles taken from the wreck by its officers

were some books and a chart of the principal

islands composing the empire of Japan. This

chart I shall speak of in detail hereafter, and it

is perhaps, one of the most interesting specimens

of geographical art and literature which has ever

wandered from the shores of eastern Asia.

In making the land, our navigator found him-

self considerably to the north of Jeddo; but ap-

proaching near the coast, he landed in his boat,

accompanied by one or two of his passengers.

Here he noticed many of the inhabitants employ-

ed in fishing at various distances from land. The

natives he met on shore were mostly fishermen,

and all appeared to belong to the common or

lower classes of society. They seemed intelli-

gent and happy, were pleased with his visit, and

made no objection to his landing. From this

place he dispatched one of his passengers to the

Emperor, who was at Jeddo, with the intelligence

of his intention or wish to enter the harbor of

the Capital with his ship, for the purpose of

landing the men who he had found under such

distressing circumstances, and to obtain water

and other necessities to enable him to proceed

on his voyage. He then returned to his ship,

sailing along the coast for many leagues,

comparing his own charts with the one taken

from the wreck. The winds becoming unfavor-

able, however, he was driven away from the land

so far, that, after they changed, it took him a

week to recover a position near the place where

he first landed. He went on shore again, dis-

patched two more messengers to the capital, with

the same information that he had previously

sent, and the reasons of his detention. He sail-

ed again for Jeddo, and the winds proving aus-

picious, in due time he entered the mouth of the

bay, deep within which the city is situated. As

he sailed along the passage, a large met him,

coming from the city, in command of a person,

who, from his rich dress, appeared to be an offi-

cer of rank and consequence. This personage

informed him that his messengers had arrived at

court, and that the Emperor had granted him

permission to come up to Jeddo with his ship.

He was, however, directed to anchor under a

certain headland for the night, and the next

morning was towed up to his anchorage within a

But neither the Captain nor crew of the Man-

hattan were allowed to go over her side. Offi-

cers were kept on board continually, to prevent

any infraction of this regulation, and the more

securely to ensure its maintenance and prevent

all communication with the shore, the ship was

surrounded and guarded by three circular bar-

riers of boats. Each circle was about a hundred

feet asunder, and the inner one about one hun-

dered yards from the ship. In the first circle the

boats were tied to a hawser so compactly that

their sides touched each other, and that nothing

could pass between or break through them.

The sterns of the boats were next the ship, and

in these were erected long lances and other steel

weapons, of various and curious forms, such as

are never seen or heard of, among European

nations. Sometimes they were covered with

lacquered sheaths, at others they were left to

glister in the sun, apparently for the purpose of

informing the foreigners that their application

would follow any attempt to pass them. Among

these, were mingled flags and banners of various

colors and devices. In the middle of this cir-

cle, between the Manhattan and the city, was

stationed a large junk in which the officers re-

sided who commanded the guard surrounding

the ship. The boats composing the second cir-

cle were not so numerous, and those in the third,

employed, was almost bewildering to look upon.

They amounted to nearly a thousand, and were

all armed and ornamented in a similar manner.

It was a scene of the most intense interest and

amusement to the Americans, the most of whom

had never heard of the strange customs of this

secluded and almost unknown people. As mag-

nificent and wonderful a spectacle, however, as

this vast array of boats presented during the

day, decorated with gaudy banners, and with

glittering spears of an infinite variety of forms

—in the night was exceeded by a display of

lanterns in such countless numbers, and of such

shapes and transparencies, as almost to entrance

the beholders, and to remind them of the magic

in the Arabian Tales.

The character and rigor of the guard stationed

about the ship, was at one time accidentally put

to the test. The Captain wishing to repair one

of his boats, attempted to lower it from the cranes

to the water, in order to take it over the vessel's

side. All the Japanese on board immediately

drew their swords. The officer in charge of the

deck-guard appeared greatly alarmed at the pro-

cedure, remonstrated kindly, but with great ear-

nestness, against it, and declared to Capt. C. that

they should be slain if they permitted it, and

that his own head would be in danger if he per-

sisted in the act. The Captain assured the offi-

cer that he had no intention to go on shore, and

explained to him clearly what his object was.

When it was fully understood, great pleasure

was manifested by the Japanese officer. He

commanded the crew who were managing the

boat to leave it, and set a host of his menials to

work, who took it into the ship without allowing

it to touch the water.

The Manhattan was at anchor in the harbor

of Jeddo four days, during which time the Cap-

tain was supplied by command of the Emperor,

with wood, water, rice, rye in the grain, vegeta-

bles of various kinds, and some crockery com-

posed of the lacquered ware of the country.

He was recruited with every thing of which he

stood in need, and all remuneration was refused.

But he was told explicitly never to come again

to Japan, for if he did, he would greatly dis-

please the Emperor. During these four days,

he had many conversations with the Governor

of Jeddo, and other persons of rank, through

their interpreter. In one of these he was in-

formed by the Governor that the only reason

why he was allowed to remain in the waters of

Japan, was because the Emperor felt assured

that he could not be a bad-hearted foreigner, by

his having come so far out of his way to bring

poor persons to their native country, who were

wholly strangers to him. It was told that the

Emperor thought well of his "heart," and had

consequently commanded all his officers to treat

him with marked attention, and supply all his

wants.

The day before he left, the Emperor sent him

his autograph, as the most notable token of his

own respect and consideration. It is often said

that the greatest men are the most careless in

their chirography, and in this case the Imperial

hand would support the truth of the remark, for

the autograph, by the size and boldness of its

characters, appeared as if a half-grown chicken

had stepped into muddy water, and then walked

two or three times deliberately over a sheet of

coarse paper, than like any other print to which

I can imagine a resemblance.

A small book taken from the wreck was

found in it, in form like a note book, filled with

figures of various and eccentric forms, and pic-

tures of spears and battle axes of strange and

anomalous patterns. Under each were charac-

ters, probably explanatory of the objects attach-

ed to them. Both figure and character were

neatly and beautifully executed, and they pre-

sented the appearance of having been inscribed

from a press of type copperplate, like the plates

of astronomical and other scientific works.

This little book attracted Capt. Cooper's atten-

tion and excited his curiosity to such a degree,

that, after noting similar figures embroidered

in gold on the tunics of the high officers, he

ventured to inquire their explanation. He then

learned that it was a kind of illustration of the

empire—a record of the armorial ensigns of the

different ranks of officers and the nobility ex-

isting in the country. Capt. C. allowed me to

examine this book, and it appeared to me to be

a great curiosity, both as a specimen of typo-

graphical art, and as giving information of the

numerous grades of Japanese aristocracy, and

the insignia by which they may be distinguish-

ed.

These figures were wrought always on the

back of the officer's tunic, and the weapon which

ARRIVAL OF THE NIAGARA.

Seven days later from Europe.

The steam ship Niagara arrived at Boston on Friday evening, having left Liverpool Dec. 2. She brought 83 passengers. We are indebted to the Boston Courier for a summary of the News.

The great news by this arrival, relates to the revolution in Rome. His Holiness has been stricken down by the very ball which he himself set in motion. He has been made a prisoner in his own palace and compelled to select a ministry in accordance with the popular will.

Trade was slowly improving. The produce markets are on the whole steady, and a moderate amount of business is doing, but the prices current are still low. Cotton meets with an increased demand, and holders not feeling inclined to press sales prices continue to advance. Breadstuffs being in large supply and the demand limited, the value of the leading articles of the trade has sustained a further decline. From the manufacturing districts in England and Scotland, the accounts are more satisfactory. Money remains cheap, but the demand is very slow, and the rates vary from 3 1/2 to 4 per cent.

The quotations of cotton vary but little from the prices of the week before, but that variation is in favor of the article. The prices of corn are lower, and the quotations for flour is a 6d. to a shilling on a barrel lower than was given for the week before. The Iron Trade was dull.

The Cholera. The European Times states that the report of the cholera this week is decidedly favorable; and that the number of cases in London had been so reduced that an official return was not deemed necessary by the Board of Health. In Scotland also, there had been considerable diminution of cases.

IRELAND. The argument of the counsel in the cases in error of Mr. O'Brien and the other prisoners had all been heard, and the court had deferred their judgment to 11th of January.

The accounts from the county of Cork represent the condition of the poor to be nearly as bad as during the famine of 1846. From other sections of the South, the prospects of the peasantry were reported to be equally gloomy.

The Continental News is so far as active measures are concerned, confined to reports from Rome, where a revolution had broken out, and Gen. Cavour had sent a French force of four steam frigates and 3500 men to the aid of the Pope. The European Times says—

The Holy City has been the scene of a deplorable conflict. The mob, at the instigation of the clubs, proceeded in a body to the Quirinal palace, on the 16th ult., where they demanded a new ministry, the immediate declaration of war, &c. About 100 Swiss guards resisted them. The Diplomatic body also entered the palace to protect the Pope by their moral influence. Some endeavor was made to set fire to the principal gates, but a few shots from the Swiss caused the mob to retire. Shortly afterwards, however, the civic guard, the gendarmes, the line, the Roman legion, numbering some thousand men, entered the palace in order of battle, and commenced a fusillade against the windows. The Swiss were overwhelmed. The Pope's secretaries, Monsignor Palma was shot in the breast. The besiegers, by their overwhelming force, compelled submission.

Louis Napoleon has issued an address to his fellow citizens, in which he promised almost every thing which words could put forth, such as liberty, security to property, economy, religion, devotion to France, &c. &c., it is only elected President.

The Paris papers of Wednesday the 29th, state that the most strenuous efforts are being made by the government to carry General Cavaignac's election, but still the cause of Louis Napoleon predominates. The funds somewhat improved.

AUSTRIA.—The most important event that has transpired in Vienna since the last accounts is, the execution of Messrs. Bauer, one of the leaders of the Revolutionists, which occurred Nov. 17th. His friends obtained the privilege that he shot, and not hung. He gave the order to fire himself, and fell pierced by three balls. The captain of the soldiers then fired a peasant to convey his body back to Vienna, and for some time the two stood lagging over the dead body about the price.

Nineteen hundred persons had been arrested for taking part in the insurrection. Of this number nine hundred and ninety-six had been set at liberty. Mr. Julius Frobel, member of the Frankfurt Assembly, was sentenced to be hung, but was afterwards pardoned.

THE TENDENCIES OF FEDERALISM.

They have but slight respect for the rights of the people or constitutional restrictions, as the following facts and reminiscences will show.

1.—Many of the older republicans remember the celebrated session of the Maine legislature for 1850, when, by the grossest frauds, Mr. Hinton was counted into the gubernatorial chair. The federalists then, violated the Constitution repeatedly, as was afterwards decided by the Supreme Court. They deprived the voters of their rights, by counting in defective returns that gave majorities to Hinton, and counting majorities against him, where the returns had the same defects. To secure a reliable majority, they deprived republicans of their seats on technical errors, and admitted federalists who were liable to the same objections. For nearly a week, for party purposes, they withdrew from the Senate, and secreted themselves from the sergeant at arms, thus leaving that body without a quorum, and stopping the wheels of government. The federalists of the lower house, with the federalists of the senate, held a bogus convention, and filled some four or five vacancies in the latter body with men who, by a decision of the Supreme Court, were sent home again. In short, for seventy-three days they did little else than trample down the Constitution, and finally adjourned, after costing the State nearly \$50,000, to fall into a well-merited minority.

2.—The people of Rhode Island, in their sovereign capacity, by an overwhelming majority, renounced the monarchical charter of Charles II, under which they were governed—formed a new constitution—and elected their state officers under it. Mark!—the people did this. But the federalists, though in a minority, demanded the aid of the United States to crush this popular expression; and by that aid they did crush it.

3.—The people are witnessing another specimen of federal tendencies in the Ohio drama, now in progress of performance. Let us look back a little. The Constitution of that State, the paramount law of course, provides that "the number of representatives shall be fixed and apportioned by the legislature among the several counties," and that "the representatives shall be chosen by the citizens of counties respectively."

But the federal legislature of last winter divided Hamilton County into two districts, and provided that one district should elect two, and the other three representatives; thus electing by classed towns, instead of counties. This was so palpable a violation of the fundamental law of the State, that the republicans would not submit to it, but proceeded to elect five representatives constitutionally. Upon this hinge hangs the controversy. The democrats adhere to the Constitution, and the federalists to their infraction of it.

As there is an obvious attempt just now to draw democrats into the federal ranks, for future use, we deem it proper to present these reminiscences. They are but isolated instances of the uniform tendencies of federalism, from the day it threw off its tory garb at the close of the revolution. No matter under what name its presents itself—whether Whig or a Taylor Republican—it is federalism still.—Argus.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

"The Union—It must be preserved."

PARIS, MAINE, DEC. 25, 1848.

STRAY THOUGHTS.

The year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight has nearly expired, and before we shall have issued another number of the DEMOCRAT, the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine will have made its advent. The present, then, is a fitting time for the mind to recount the manner in which the past year has been spent, the follies and vices we have been led into, and to resolve to eschew and avoid them in future.

There are none who are so good as to be unsuspicious of further improvement, nor any so entirely bad that they might not be worse. If in looking back, we find that we have done those things we ought not to have done, and left undone those things we ought to have done, let the fact sink deep into our hearts, and experience admonish us to do so no more. In proportion as our actions have been of a praiseworthy character, will be our pleasure in their remembrance, and vice versa. It is said by some that selfishness is the most unchristian attribute possessed by mortals—and most unquestionably it is so, where it dictates to murder, and nerves its mercenary arm for the work of destruction, with the hope of obtaining wealth, not even by digging California gold, but by stealing from the people their governmental power, or by oppressing the poor. But selfishness operates in a thousand different ways, sometimes leading to its miserable victims to the commission of heinous crimes, and at others, as an incentive to virtuous action, and the practice of all the christian attributes. In the former case, it brings misery and war, and in the latter, happiness and joy. The man who sins, should do so no more—if for no other reason, from a consideration of selfishness, and more of self-respect. Every man would be happy—let him then, from a selfish motive, regulate his actions with a view to that object. Virtuous action carries its own reward with it. This is as true as that its opposite brings in its train, disaffection of one's self; a loathing and disgust, which is as far from happiness as can be imagined. Let us all resolve then, as we would be happy, that the year, so soon to commence, shall not expire, leaving in our bosoms the unhappy remembrances of duties unperformed, opportunities for improvement neglected, or the commission of sinful actions. If we keep this resolve, we shall experience a happiness throughout the year, and its close will bring with it no lamentation, but find us far in advance of the present. The consciousness of having "done well," is worth more than all the transitory joys, if indeed they can be dignified with the name, of gay dissipation and frolicking, ay, and of all the gay of Ophir, or of our own California. Every one who ever "done well" in a single instance, or for a short time, will respond amen to the assertion.

Have we practiced, during the past year, upon the principles of the great Author of Christianity, whose doctrines are the very basis of all true religion and republican government? Have we remembered the penalty in a proper manner? Have we done anything to advance the happiness of those around us? Have we been almoners to the widow and fatherless? This is the season of merry Christmas, a season of feasting and good wishes—have these good wishes been accompanied with the requisites necessary to secure the wished for happiness, and show the sincerity of our desires? In fine, have we done anything for those whose hearts, with our own, "like muffled drums, are beating funeral marches to the grave." If the answer be nay, let us mend ourselves in these particulars, and we shall receive the approval of an Age, a Golden Age, in more senses than one, that always, sooner or later, rewards the virtuous effort.

We understand that the superstructure of the Atlantic road, is completed up to Melanchie Falls. So all that remains to be done, is simply laying down the iron, and securing it to the sills, which are already prepared to receive it.

A double plough, ploughing two furrows at the same time, with which one man and one team can do as much in one day as two men can do with two teams and two single ploughs, has been invented by George Bartlett of Rhode Island.

In Bangor three children of Wm. W. Snow, while sliding down hill, fell into a channel cut in the ice of the stream and were all swept under the ice by the current and drowned.

DEBATE ON SLAVERY.

The debate on the presentation of the New Mexico petition in the Senate, was a sign of the coming storm on the slavery question. This petition comes from a convention assembled in Santa Fe, and the gist of it is, that the people there may "be protected by congress" against the introduction of domestic slavery. Mr. Benton, in few words, and certainly unobjectionable in every way, presented it, and moved that it be printed and referred. Mr. Clayton seconded this motion. Mr. Calhoun rose, not to object to the reference, but to express his opinion of the petition, and said, "that for this territory, under all the circumstances of the case, to send such a petition to us is not respectful, but, on the contrary, it is most insolent in its character. They were conquered by the very men whom they wish to exclude. I cannot wonder, however, at its presentation, coming from the quarter from which it has come upon this floor." Mr. Benton disclaimed on the part of those who had sent the petition, the least disposition to be insolent or disrespectful. Mr. Calhoun rejoined as follows:—

It is not at all strange that the senator from Missouri, or that the senator from Delaware, should look upon it as insolent. I look upon the rights of the southern states, the citizens of New York, or to Massachusetts. The senator differs from me upon this point, and therefore he does not consider it in the same light with myself; but these are my sincere convictions."

After some remarks from Mr. Rusk as to the right of Texas to the whole of the territory this side of the Rio Grande, Mr. Benton replied to Mr. Calhoun, and said, "that (perhaps without knowing it) these petitioners have used the very words of the general assembly of Virginia to George III before the breaking out of the American revolution. And though George III did not grant that petition, yet I never heard that he said it was insolent in the general assembly of Virginia to present it."

Mr. Calhoun, after contending that there was no comparison between the two cases, said— "Sir, the southern states claim the right, under the constitution of our country, to go into any portion of the territory conquered by the arms of the United States, and especially by troops drawn from that portion of the country; and I think that to pray that we shall be excluded from that is, the height of insolence, though but that is no fault of mine."

Mr. Benton. I did not understand the last remark. Will the senator explain? Mr. Calhoun. (In his seat.) I have pointed it out as clear as I can.

Mr. Benton. I wish to know what it is that the senator from South Carolina means? Mr. Calhoun. My meaning is clear. I have stated the grounds under which I consider it disrespectful, because it undertakes to exclude the south from that territory. But the senator from Missouri does not see that it is so. It is not my fault, because I have stated it as clearly as I possibly could. The difficulty is in our different modes of conceiving the subject.

Mr. Benton. What is the question, Mr. President. The presiding officer. The question is upon the printing.

Mr. Benton. Then the objection is to the printing? Several senators. There is no objection to the printing.

Mr. Benton. Then what is the debate about? Nothing at all. A voice. Nothing at all.

Mr. Benton. Nothing! Is the grave American senate, at the commencement of its session, engaged about nothing? Nothing at all! Is that our occupation to-day? Sir, this seems to me a very lame and impotent termination to what was so fervently commenced just now. The senator from Missouri was used—of course involving those who had presented the petition. Sir, I deny the insolence. I assert the constitutional right of these people, conquered or unconquered, coming into our nation whether by conquest, now, under the arms of the United States, or coming into it heretofore as a part of Texas.

Taking which view of the matter you please, I say they have a constitutional right to present that petition.

I say more, sir, I say that every subject which they have mentioned in that memorial is a fair subject of legislation, and they have presented it in respectful terms. They have done what they had a right to do; and I will not have the term "insolent" applied to them, since I presented that memorial, without saying, and requesting in such way as shall be heard and understood, that the expression is gratuitous and unbounded.

After this scene a long debate arose respecting the character of the convention from which the petition purports to have emanated.—Mr. Westcott, of Florida, Foote, of Mississippi, and Mr. Clayton, of Delaware, taking part in it.—Mr. Hale made one of his rambling speeches. As the Vice President was about to put the motion to print, Mr. Calhoun rose and said—

"I shall vote against the motion, not only for the reasons heretofore assigned, but because I entirely concur with the views expressed by the senator from Mississippi and the senator from Florida, that the whole affair is in doubt and uncertainty. We have no evidence whatever that the persons whose names are attached to the document in question, are authorized to speak for the people of that territory, and under that view of the subject I shall vote against the motion."

The yeas and nays were then taken, and resulted as follows:— Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Atchison, Badger, Baldwin, Benton, Bradburn, Breese, Butler, Cameron, Clarke, Clayton, Corwin, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Dodge, Douglas, Felch, Fitzgerald, Hale, Hamilton, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Metcalf, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Sturgeon, Sprague, Underwood, Upham, and Walker—24.

Nays—Messrs. Berrien, Bond, Calhoun, Davis, of Miss., Downs, Fitzpatrick, Foote, Houston, Hunter, King, Rusk, Turney, Westcott, and Yale—14.

On the same day, Mr. Palfrey, in the house of representatives, asked leave to introduce a bill for the repeal of all acts of congress establishing and maintaining slavery in the District of Columbia.

Several members objecting, Mr. Palfrey asked the yeas and nays on granting leave for its introduction; which were ordered by the house, and leave to introduce was refused—yeas 69; nays 82.

The Union remarks on this motion as follows:—"We deeply regret Mr. Palfrey's motion of yesterday to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia. It is a new torch of discord cast into the midst of the people. We still more deeply regret that 63 members should have been found in the house of representatives to favor its introduction. Why disturb the happiness of a great people by such ill-advised and intemperate movements? It can come to no good. It will excite the country, and destroy the harmony of the confederacy. If pushed to its ultimate consequences, it may shake the Union itself. What benefit can it render, to compensate for these calamities?"

The Slavery Question.—Four propositions for the settlement of the slavery question are now before congress, viz:—

1. Douglas's bill, making one state of California, to be organized immediately, and leaving the question of slavery to the people.

2. The petition of the people of New Mexico, for organization into a state, with slavery expressly excluded by law.

3. Clayton's old compromise bill, leaving the matter to the supreme court.

4. The resolution of the house of representatives, instructing the territorial committee to report a bill for the organization of territorial governments, excluding slavery.

GOLD IN CALIFORNIA.

As little else, save intelligence from the gold regions of California, or matters in some way connected therewith, possesses just now interest for the great mass of readers, we will furnish, as briefly as we can, such information bearing upon the subject as has come under our notice.

Already we have published statements on the subject of a well-authenticated character, which fully establish the fact that a rich deposit of gold, extending over a wide tract of country, has been discovered, and that some three or four thousand men are actively engaged in procuring the precious metal in large quantities and at a small cost of labor. In corroboration of all this, the gold thus obtained has begun to find its way to our side of the continent, and an aggregate of something like an hundred thousand dollars worth of precious dust and grains has already arrived. The next question, after the gold came, was in regard to its quality. An assay at Mr. Patterson's has determined this. It is M. Patterson, Director of the Mint, in a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, says, in reference to the first two deposits of California gold at the Mint:—"Assays of the melted gold were made with great care, and the results showed a variation in fineness from 922 to 937 thousandths; the average of the whole being 934. This is slightly below the standard fineness, which is 900. The average value per ounce of the bullion, melting, is \$185 1/2; that of the same in bars, after melting, \$185 50."

One of the deposits of gold was made by Mr. David Carter, of Boston, and weighed 1804.59 ounces troy, and the other was gold sent by Gov. Mason to the Secretary of War, and weighed 228 ounces. The value of the whole was \$36,492. This gold is superior in fineness to the average of North Carolina gold, and inferior to that of Georgia and Alabama, and Virginia.

Other assays show the range of fineness to be more uniform than that of gold found in our Southern States. These assays of gold found along the whole line of the country in which mining operations are conducted, having been made at the United States Mint, can be depended upon as accurate. On the other hand, a correspondent of the "Sun," who has analyzed some specimens of ore from California, says:—

"One of the specimens analyzed to day, was in small flakes or scales, of uniform shape, and of a dull orange color. This proved to be an excellent quality of Native Gold, almost pure, and containing a small quantity of silver. This specimen was presented to me by one of the partners of a large wholesale firm, in this city, who assured me that they received it direct from San Francisco, from a brother of one of the partners of the firm, who resides there. The other specimen was in small bright lumps, not uniform shape, and of a light yellow color, and exactly resembling the pieces of arsenic of copper obtained by melting the specimen analyzed a few weeks since, an account of which was published in your paper. This specimen did not contain a trace of gold although it was assured that it was obtained from one of the soldiers of Colonel Stephenson's Regiment, who brought it direct from California."

If this be true, it shows there is a chance of disappointment to those who go to the gold region with large expectations. It may, however, be remarked in this connection, as rather singular, that in the 1804 ounces assayed at the Mint, of gold gathered at various points along the mining district, none of this worthless stuff should have appeared.

Touching the richness and extent of the gold district, and the operations at present going on there, we have a great variety of accounts, from a great many sources, and all of them appear to be written with sincerity, yet evidently under a state of uncontrollable excitement. Governor Mason's official report to the Department is very full, yet even the Governor seems to have imbibed an amount of enthusiasm that sets all his mathematics at defiance.

Any account not given in our previous papers any account of the manner in which the gold was first discovered, we will copy what Gov. Mason says:—"As we ascended the south branch of the American fork, the country became broken and mountainous, and at the saw mill, 25 miles above the lower washings, or 50 miles from Sutter's, the hills rise to about a thousand feet above the level of the Sacramento plain. Here a species of pine occurs which led to the discovery of the gold. Capt. Sutter, feeling the great want of lumber, contracted in September last

with Mr. Marshall to build a saw-mill at that place. It was erected in the course of the past winter and spring—a dam and race constructed; but when the water was let on the wheel, the tail-race was found to be too narrow to permit the water to escape with sufficient rapidity. Mr. Marshall, to save labor, let the water directly into the race with a strong current, so as to wash it wider and deeper. He effected his purpose, and a large bed of mud and gravel was carried to the foot of the race. One day M. Marshall, as he was walking down the race to this deposit of mud, observed some glittering particles at its upper edge; he gathered a few, examined them, and became satisfied of their value. He then went to the fort, told Captain Sutter of his discovery, and they agreed to keep it secret until a certain grist-mill of Sutter's was finished. It, however, got out, and spread like magic.

The discovery of gold in such immense quantities in the valley of the Sacramento and its tributaries, has taken the whole country by surprise, but it would seem that the gold deposits, or others of equal richness, were known to the Indians in the time of Montezuma, and also to some Spaniards subsequently to that period. In Ward's History of Mexico, there is an account of a Spaniard who had a mine in California, probably in the Sierra Nevada Mountains to which he used to go and get gold as he wanted it. He would not permit it to be worked, and died without imparting his secret to any one. A correspondent of the Journal of Commerce in writing from Washington says:—"The extraordinary abundance of gold in California is scarcely yet credited by the public; but still it is perfectly consistent with facts that we do know. We know that many Spanish families acquired vast wealth from mines, the locality of which they hid. Tomeros, for instance, came from Spain with some capital. He spent nearly the whole of it in searching for gold. At length, he of a sudden became vastly rich, having an income of a million of dollars a year, and was created Conde de Ragla. The Obregon family presents a similar instance of luck in discovering a mine. The original Obregon came from Spain, discovered the mine in Guanajuato, made a vast fortune, and presented a line of battle ship, fully armed and equipped, at one time, to the King of Spain. He was created Conde de Yalenciana. The richest man in America at this moment, in a Mexican mine, Perez Galvez his name, proprietor of the mine of La Luz and Mellader, at Guanajuato."

The immense quantities of Gold possessed by the Aztecs, as stated by all the Mexican historians, show that the natives of the country were at that time acquainted with locations where existed rich deposits of the precious metals; but they wisely concealed this knowledge from the Spaniards. It is supposed by some that their gold region was on the Rio Puerco in Texas. Both Indian tradition and Spanish records bear out this supposition. Shortly after the Conquest by Cortez a city was founded in this region of country. This city is now in ruins. The Houston Telegraph says of it:—"It is not the vague traditions of the Indians only, nor the records of the Spaniards, that attest the value of the mines of Puerco. The ruins of an extensive city reared in ancient days, like the famous Tadmor of the desert, rise in lonely grandeur in this wild region, and bear silent but positive testimony that something more than agriculture was the basis of its prosperity. In the midst of a wild and almost sterile region, the towers, spires and domes of this once populous city still remain, but destitute of every thing that betokens civilization. The wild deer, antelope, and mustang, browse the herbage which grows luxuriously in its deserted streets, and the savage Canache of Kioway pitches his rude lodge beneath its now dismantled ramparts. This city is the Gran Quivira of the Spaniards, and was founded soon after the conquest of Mexico by Cortez."

Around these ruins are no evidences of cultivation, which shows that mining, and not agriculture, was the purpose of those who built it. And it is well known that gold, silver, and copper, were the things needed, for which all the Spanish adventurers thirsted. There is still a tradition current among the Mexicans, that there were several millions of pounds of gold and silver collected at this city, when the terrible insurrection of the Indians broke out in the month of August, 1580. The city was surrounded by an immense army of Indians, and a long siege, all the inhabitants were murdered except two, who escaped to tell that the inhabitants had been slaughtered, and that the immense treasures of gold and silver were buried in the ruins.

It was from the country that the Aztecs came when they made their descent upon Mexico. The traces of their cities are still found extending from the Puerco by the Cases, Gaudier, beyond Chihuahua to the Pacific. The mines of California, those of Chihuahua, and those of the Puerco, are said to be similar to each other, and the geological formations, as far as ascertained, alike. The mines of California have been less worked than those of Chihuahua, and this may be the reason that they are at present more productive. Texas, if conjecture be not at fault, may prove equally rich in gold with California.

So much for facts touching the existence of precious metals in these far-off regions. As to the giving of advice to those who are already in a fever of excitement to get away and reap their share of the golden harvest, it is hardly worth while to waste words on the subject. Those who wish to get rich by a short cut, and think they will succeed if they get to the Feather River, will go if they can, and argument will not stop them. Hundreds will, of course, be disappointed, and if they ever get home again, will come with broken constitutions or broken spirits. Money acquired slowly, in the regular pursuit of useful employment, brings with it a knowledge of its value; but gold picked up in the way it is gathered in California, rarely stays in the hands of the business men have united, and are making arrangements to work the mine."

of time. Its value is not clearly appreciated, and it passes from the hand with a prodigality that soon exhausts it. Of course there are exceptions to this. Some who go out will become immensely rich; but they will not do much in the work of actual gold digging. There, as here, the shrewd few will turn the labor of the improvident many to their own account.

GEN. TAYLOR'S RESIGNATION, ETC. The N. O. Bulletin of the 1st inst., says Gen. Taylor has not yet resigned his office as Major General, as was reported. He is engaged in arranging and settling up everything connected with his long service in the army, and when this is accomplished he will send in his resignation, and not sooner.

At the last accounts, the old General, now 64 years old, having been born Nov. 24, 1784, was enjoying the hospitalities of the people of New Orleans. He spent a day with his old friend Col. Nicholas, who was among the first to nominate him for President, having offered a resolution to that effect in the State Senate, and was subsequently placed on the Taylor electoral ticket, but from which he withdrew when the General received the nomination of the Philadelphia whig convention. This fact, however, says the Delta, has not interrupted the warm intimacy which has existed between the two gentlemen for many years.

Gen. Taylor has accepted an invitation to visit Nashville from the first to the middle of February. The papers report a grand conflagration of a bundle of letters received by him from whig office-seekers. The Delta states that "office-expectants and office-seekers, reckless of all the proprieties of life, pour upon Gen. Taylor a ceaseless flood of unfortunate reminders of their services in his behalf—of their trials, their sacrifices, their poverty, and their peculiar fitness for the desired offices." After Gen. Harrison was elected he was importuned in the same manner. Yet the whigs do not want office—not they—they are patriots, deprecate party spirit, go for "proscribing proscription," and didn't support Taylor from interested motives!

It is now alleged positively that Gen. Taylor has said that he shall not name his Cabinet until after his inauguration.

G. G. WATERHOUSE, Esq., the well known and popular Stage proprietor, and also as landlord of the "Stage House," in this Village, has received the appointment of Conductor on the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Rail Road. A more judicious and satisfactory appointment, in all respects, could not well have been made by the President and Directors of that Company. For a long series of years Mr. Waterhouse has been on the "Box," dispensing pleasure and comfort to the travelling public, and has become so familiar with the wants and necessities of that class, that they may be sure they will be well cared for while under his charge. May his prosperity and popularity continue to the end of his days.

In consequence of this appointment his connection with the "Stage House" has ceased, and hereafter we learn that establishment will be under the charge of JOSEPH CHILDS, Esq., of this town, who has leased the premises, and will open the house for entertainment some time this week.

IN the U. S. House of Representatives on Thursday last, under the call for petitions, Mr. Evans of Maryland, presented one from messengers carrying the electoral votes of the several States to the seat of government. They pray that inasmuch as their mileage has been cut down from 25 to 12 1/2 cents, which is simply sufficient, that the honorable members of Congress would also reduce their own mileage. The petition was laid on the table.

We hope it will not long be permitted to lay there. The member who should be so fortunate as to get a bill through Congress reducing the mileage to one half the present rates, would do something which would deservedly make him a popular man throughout the nation.

WASHINGTON REMOVAL.—A Washington letter mentions a rumor that the Government in Cabinet Council, on Saturday last, decided to send immediately a number of small vessels of war, brigs and schooners, to enforce an embargo upon all merchant vessels going into the harbors of Monterey, San Francisco and other ports on the coast of California, requiring them to come under bonds not to receive on board for transportation any part or parcel of gold ore dug from the public lands or mines on the Sacramento, or other parts of the gold region in Alta California. This decision has been come to, doubtless, to prevent European vessels, as well as those of South America, from transporting vast quantities of gold ore to be coined in foreign mints, without paying the rightful tax or per centage to the Government of the U. States.—(Philad. Inquirer.)

MR. SEVIER. Advice from Washington announces that Ambrose Sevier has been nominated by the President as Commissioner on the part of the United States, to run the boundary line between the U. States and Mexico. Andrew B. Gray was nominated for Engineer and Surveyor. He was recommended by the Texas as delegation, and was formerly an Engineer in Texas, and was afterwards on the North Eastern Boundary Line.

MINERALS. The Traveller says—"We learn that there has recently been discovered strong indications of a large amount of lead ore in the town of Phillips, Franklin County, Maine. Some of the ore has been carried to Boston, and found to yield 86 per cent pure lead, equal in quality to the best Galena. A number of our enterprising business men have united, and are making arrangements to work the mine."

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We assure "Fair Play" that, in publishing the following paragraph, we had no intent of conveying false or "erroneous impressions." We gave place to it merely as a news item, and, at its close, we echoed the wish we have often heard expressed in relation to the "law's delay." So far from censuring Judge Goodnow, as "Fair Play" would seem to infer, the language of the paragraph does not, to our mind, imply the least to him, or to any one. Therefore, in order to "remove erroneous impressions," if any there are, we cheerfully accede to his request, and lay it before the public.

For the Democrat.

Mr. Editor,—I have just now seen, for the first time, the following article in your paper of the 21st of last month, to wit:—

"DISTRICT COURT. The District Court for the Western District, Judge Goodnow presiding, met at the Court House in this Village on Tuesday last, and after a session of two days adjourned to the first Tuesday of January next. It is to be hoped that the Docket will then be cleared of all cases ready for trial. "A consummation devoutly to be wished," by parties diligent, but which, we believe, has not occurred for many years."

Now, in order to remove erroneous impressions, and as an act of justice to all concerned, will you allow me to state two or three facts in relation to the subject which had, undoubtedly, escaped your recollection? 1st. The Court adjourned over to January against the expressed wish of the Judge, but upon what was reported to him, by the President of the Bar, as the unanimous wish of the members of the Bar and of the Grand and Traverse Jurors—it was also represented to the Judge that the parties generally, if not universally, were in favor of the adjournment. 2d. The length of the June Session is limited, by the operation of law, to five days. 3d. The Court has uniformly continued to hold the November Term as long as any parties desired—an instance, probably cannot be adduced, in which an action, during the last seven years, has been continued from the Nov. Term, wherein the parties were ready for trial.

Perhaps you may deem it no more than an act of justice to copy the annexed article from "The Maine Democrat," of the 19th instant.

Dec. 25, 1848. FAIR PLAY.

From the Maine Democrat.

At the District Court held at Alfred, within and for the county of York, on Saturday, the 9th instant, Judge Hayes was appointed by the members of the Bar, a committee to address the Court, upon the occasion of Judge Goodnow's retiring from the bench. As soon as the previous proclamation was ordered, Judge Hayes addressed the Court as follows:

May I please your Honor:

You are now about to retire from the high and respectable office of a Judge of the District Court of this State.

The Bar of this county have instructed me to address you and to tender to you testimony of their high consideration and respect. The members of the Bar have known you intimately from your commencement of the practice of the Law. You were removed from among them to the Bench, but still have retained with them the high and responsible position of the Judge. The whole Bar bear testimony to the integrity and ability with which you have discharged the high and responsible duties of a Judge. Sound judgment and the best intentions have characterized every act—no member of the Bar has reminiscence of an act of unkindness during the whole of your administration of the Law; your course has been such as to secure the attachment of the members of the Bar and the respect of the whole community.

May your days hereafter be as prosperous and happy as your life heretofore has been benevolent and useful.

To this address Judge Goodnow responded in an appropriate and eloquent manner; extending his grateful thanks to the members of the Bar for this evidence of their respect and kindness.

Wm. C. ALLEN,
Secretary of the Bar.

BENNETT'S OPINION OF THE MESSAGE.—Bennett, of the New York Herald, gives his opinion of the president's message, as follows:—

On the whole, we approve of the message, long and short, and although it is tinged with egotism throughout, we must say that it is a good message, and that it will give general satisfaction to the American people, as an exposition of the affairs and position of the country, foreign and domestic. But important as it is, as an American document, emanating from the highest officer connected with our government, it will be read with far greater interest in Europe, at the present time, than it will in the United States. It will be read and re-read by the French people, and republished in countless numbers of the French papers; and it will exercise a far greater influence there than it will here. In this respect, it is a revolutionary proclamation, issued by a great nation, the people of which have achieved and enjoy, to the fullest extent, the very rights and privileges which the great mass of the European population are struggling to obtain. In this relation, the importance of the message cannot be overrated; and that it will help the cause of human freedom in Europe there can be no question, we think, in the minds of those who have watched the great moral influence which this country has exerted on political affairs in that part of the world.

The Philadelphia Ledger, in speaking of the President's message, says:—

The message is an important and interesting document, indicating great ability, and will be respectfully considered by all intelligent minds. Those who attempt to ridicule it, merely stultify themselves.

BRITISH ANTIQUITY. A ploughman who was lately working in a field in Wendorf, in England, turned up with his plough an ancient gold bracelet of the intrinsic value of \$100.—Antiquaries give it as their opinion that it was deposited at the time of the conflict between the Romans and the sons of the British King Cuchellu.

A watchmaker of New Orleans has completed a tiny watch, which is regarded as an extraordinary specimen of workmanship. The Picayune says of it:—

This wonderful timepiece is perfect; keeps good time. It is about as thick as three half-dimes laid one upon another—including case, crystal and all—and measures in circumference just the size of a half dime. It has a spring case of enamel, gold dial and steel hands, cylinder escapement, with ten holes jeweled in ruby. It runs twenty-five hours without winding up. Besides, it is so arranged as to admit of being worn either in a brooch or finger ring.

Our thanks are gratefully tendered to Hon. H. HAMLIN, of the U. S. Senate, for a bound Vol. of the Report of the Patent Office for 1847, which he has kindly sent us, and also for various other favors.

In the Senate of South Carolina, on the 14th inst., the bill giving the election of Presidential Electors to the people was lost—yeas 22 nays 23.

There were six ballottings in the Florida legislature, on the 11th inst., for U. S. Senator, but no choice effected.

The number of Indian tribes, whose existence and claims are recognized by the General Government, is sixty-five, and this is exclusive of the tribes residing in the newly-acquired territories of California, Oregon, and New Mexico.

Good newspapers have been called the only paper currency that is worth more gold and silver. Notwithstanding the difference in value, we are ready to exchange a limited amount of the vulgar metal, or approved rag money, for the genuine paper currency.

From the "statistics of a shirt," published in the Christian Intelligence, we learn that there are 20,346 stitches in one of these articles of apparel, made in a plain style.

We see it stated that a judgment has been given in a long pending case in Glasgow, which will sensibly affect the position of Odd Fellowship and other similar associations in Great Britain. It was decided that such societies not only have no legal standing, but where they do exist, do so in defiance of law.

Give a man the secure possession of a black rock, says a forcible English writer, and he will turn it into a garden; give him a nine years' lease of a garden, and he will cover it into a desert.

Charcoal ground to powder, is one of the best things ever discovered to clean knives.—This is a late and valuable discovery. [Ex.]

White pine charcoal is one of the best things ever discovered to clean teeth. Try it.

The Hon. A. P. Butler, has been re-elected to the U. S. Senate from South Carolina, by the legislature of that State, for six years from the 4th of March next.

Gov. Johnston has got his guillotine in motion, and is cutting off democratic heads without mercy. He is the beauty that opposed proscription before the election.—Pennysonian.

The apportionment law, under which the whigs claim seats for two representatives from Hamilton county, never passed Ohio senate, but was clandestinely taken from the table and signed by the whig president of the senate without authority or right. Whiggery shows itself in Ohio lawless, disorganizing and false to all sound republican principles.

BRIGHTON MARKET.
[REPRINTED FROM THE BOSTON JOURNAL.]
THURSDAY, DEC. 21.

At market, 125 Beef Cattle, 150 Sheep, 2575 Swine, and 1200 Poultry.

Poultry.—Best Cattle—\$4 50 to \$5 00 quality, \$4 25 to \$4 50 quality, \$3 25 to \$4 25 quality, \$2 25 to \$3 25 quality.

Swine.—We quote yearlings \$4 11—2 years old, \$3 11—3 years old, \$2 11—4 years old, \$1 11—5 years old, \$1 11—6 years old, \$1 11—7 years old, \$1 11—8 years old, \$1 11—9 years old, \$1 11—10 years old, \$1 11—11 years old, \$1 11—12 years old, \$1 11—13 years old, \$1 11—14 years old, \$1 11—15 years old, \$1 11—16 years old, \$1 11—17 years old, \$1 11—18 years old, \$1 11—19 years old, \$1 11—20 years old, \$1 11—21 years old, \$1 11—22 years old, \$1 11—23 years old, \$1 11—24 years old, \$1 11—25 years old, \$1 11—26 years old, \$1 11—27 years old, \$1 11—28 years old, \$1 11—29 years old, \$1 11—30 years old, \$1 11—31 years old, \$1 11—32 years old, \$1 11—33 years old, \$1 11—34 years old, \$1 11—35 years old, \$1 11—36 years old, \$1 11—37 years old, \$1 11—38 years old, \$1 11—39 years old, \$1 11—40 years old, \$1 11—41 years old, \$1 11—42 years old, \$1 11—43 years old, \$1 11—44 years old, \$1 11—45 years old, \$1 11—46 years old, \$1 11—47 years old, \$1 11—48 years 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